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was taken for a three-hour ride by WSP: into Carbondale to buy the papers and down to Mermelstein's to buy 12 dozen pansies and the over to Lakeland and then through Nicholson to look at the bridge (WSP's idea) and into Lenoxville and Clifford and home in time for dinner, which consisted of gigantic slabs of beef and such. I'm not accustomed to eating as much meat as HLRP and WSP do. After lunch I went for a walk up to the Cemetery behind Russell's house and enjoyed myself very much. I then walked down to RTP's house and John Swindle-hurst was there (he has just retired from working for 47 years for Hendrick Manufacturing Company) and he and Marian will now travel a bit. I didn't express my true feelings about all that, but really, travel at their age is not personally beneficial. Everything is too rigid and too fixed. Travel should be done when one is young. During my Friday afternoon visit to Brookvalley I got Ann's consent to sew the flag of Carbondale. On Sunday P.M. Russell was preparing a strawberry patch and William was helping. Laurie and April and Ann were inside the house and watching television and such. Ann announced that she had to take April and Laurie down to the Mall at about 3:30--did I want a ride to the bus. Yes, I did. I was all packed and we left in about 10 minutes. I was dropped off in Carbondale and got the Short Line Bus. When I arrived back in New York I came here to the office. With the Maplewood Cemetery Books and the Library Record Book, all of which I borrowed over the weekend: the Maplewood books on Friday P.M. and the Library books on Friday P.M. My visits with Pat Carter and Anne Muldoon were both very pleasant. Miss Muldoon showed me the fund-raising piece that will, said she, appear in next week's NEWS. My visits with both Carter and Muldoon lasted about 7 minutes each. Very short and very sweet. I wanted to bring the record books here to the office where they will be safer than at 790, which is what I did. After they have been completely xeroxed, I will return them to Carbondale.

May 6, 1982: I attended the Department of Consumer Affairs, Basic Grantsmanship Course in Wilkes-Barre, and was awarded a certificate of successful completion. Took ten pages of notes and they should be useful in filling out loan and grant applications. I took the Short Line Bus on Wednesday night at 6 P.M. and arrived in Carbondale at 9:18 P.M., had dinner, got up pre-6 A.M. and WSP drove me to the Greyhound station and I got the 7 A.M. Wilkes-Barre Bus; from downtown W-B I got a cab to the Woodlands Inn; at the end of the all-day course, I got a cab back into W-B and then a Trailways bus to NYC. I was back at work on Friday.

May 8, 1982: DJB called me at the office to tell me he has been laid off by the NEWS. What devastating news! The CRCCH will have to refocus its efforts. One of the principal allies/members is leaving town. On May 12th, Heth will tell the other employees at the NEWS that Baum will be laid off, on the 19th it will be announced in the paper, and May 26th will be David's last issue. A major restructuring of the Committee's efforts will have to take place. I wonder if David will mention his dismissal at the meeting tonight. Phil Heth will be Editor/Publisher of the NEWS.

May 10, 1982: Larry Hartpence (717-961-2321) called the NEWS and DJB told him to call me. He will do a test patch, 3 feet by 3 feet, on Tuesday Morning, May 11th. David told Hartpence that he would call him back on May 10th to set up the appointment. I hope it all came off smoothly, and I can hardly wait to see how the cleaned patch of brick looks.

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My bus was early in arriving in Scranton, as both WSP and I noted. As we invariably do, WSP and I chatted about the weather and birds and "what's new" on the way to home in the car from the bus station. We went home by way of Route 81. Even though the golf season is in full swing (if you please), HLRP had dinner waiting for me when I arrived: lasagna, of which I ate a large quantity. It was a new recipe for HLRP and she concluded that it was the best lasagna that she had ever had. I agree, it was very good: hard boiled eggs in it, sausage in it, plus the usual lasagna ingredients. I made it to the City Hall in plenty of time for the meeting and I parked the car on Park Street. As I was parking the car, John Buberniak came across the street to greet me. He reported that Kay and Ollie Shifler and Joe Pascoe and Rev. Baum were already in their places in City Hall Council Chambers. I was delighted to learn that the Shifler's decided to come. Before going up to the meeting, I examined the text patches on the front of CCH: lovely, when the whole building has been cleaned it will be breathtaking. The test patches were done by Larry Hartpence on 05-11-1982 in the morning. Present on 05-13-1982: John Buberniak, Bob Tomaine, John Revak, Rob Lewis, Kay Shifler, Joe Pascoe, Oliver R. Shifler, SRP and David Baum. David didn't stay long at the meeting: he handed me two pages of notes about contractors and such and then went over to the Chellino to a Pioneer Days meeting. I introduced myself to the Shifler's and immediately focused all attention on them. They were delighted to be invited and we had a wonderfully animated conversation. They (in response to my letter to them of May 7, 1982) will be delighted to show their slides of Carbondale to the City of Carbondale during Pioneer Days. They have been scheduled for Wednesday--anytime--during Pioneer Week. The Shiflers and Joe Pascoe and Rev. Pullis were all having a wonderful time chatting with each other and I was very pleased. The Shiflers have agreed to show their slides twice during the week. Once in the afternoon and once during the early evening. The Canal film, Joe Pascoe reported, is available and we will show that during the week in connection with the film from the PHMC entitled "What is a Museum?" We will have to get a 16mm. sound projector from the High School to show the films with. The Shiflers are very flexible: they will show their slides whenever we want. What I will do is arrange to have about 8 Carbondale worthies present at various times during the week: Edith Gardner, Mrs. Prince, John Clark etc. and that will guarantee that the week is a success. Rev. Pullis reported that Wilson Brunning has 8 mm. film of the mine fires. I'm not so sure that that is the kind of film for this year's festival--perhaps in a year or two. Rev. Pullis suggested that we pay for the cleaning of the building by announcing that the citizenry could pay so much to have so many square feet cleaned: buy a brick, in effect, and we'll give you a post card or something saying that you have been a good citizen. I reported on my trip to Wilkes-Barre to the Basic Grantsmanship course on May 6 and presented my expenses and they were voted paid. The Shifler's reported that their address is: 94 North Main Street and not Waymart. I announced the DCA film on the 18th and encouraged my fellow committee members to attend. It was either Oliver Shifler or Joe Pascoe who reported that the fountain that used to be in Memorial Park is not at Camp Ely (a Girl Scout Camp). It is reported that it was moved there so that it would not be melted down for the World War II effort. It was reported from the floor that Manny Winters on High Street in Carbondale knows about a Philadelphia company that will provide the shingles free of charge for any restoration/historical preservation effort if someone else will pay for the labor costs of installing them. I will investigate this. I read my letter to Rocco Campagna to the group. I showed the "Stourbridge 'Apple Blossom Special' rail excursion" newspaper clipping to Bob Tomaine and asked if he had heard anything from George Hart at Strasburg. No, said he. I said that I would call him and Tomaine said he would. I brought up the subject of the 81 MM. Mortars in Memorial Park to be installed on Memorial Day by the VFW and stated my objection to the fence that will be placed around them: Isn't it odd that the guns made it through World War II without any difficulty and that they will have to be protected by a fence in Memorial Park in downtown Carbondale. I read to my fellow committee members the newspaper announcement of the wedding of Judith Farley and